

October 13, 2006

NJTP-00180

**Re: NJDEP Freshwater Wetlands Individual Permit, CAFRA, Waterfront Development, Coastal Wetlands and Stream Encroachment Permits
Garden State Parkway Widening from Milepost 30 to 80**

Applicant: New Jersey Turnpike Authority

Project Locations:

Ocean County: South Toms River Borough, Berkley Township, Beachwood Borough, Lacey Township, Barnegat Township, Stafford Township, Ocean Township, Eagleswood Township, Little Egg Harbor Township

Burlington County: Bass River Township

Atlantic County: City of Port Republic, Galloway Township, Egg Harbor Township, City of Somers Point

Dear Interested Party:

This letter is being sent to provide you with legal notification that an application will be submitted for a permit or approval to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) under the Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act Rule, N.J.A.C. 7:7A; The Coastal Zone Management Rules, N.J.A.C. 7:7E; the Coastal Permit Program Rules, N.J.A.C. 7:7; and the Flood Hazard Control Act Rules, N.J.A.C. 7:13.

The applicant is proposing the mainline widening of the Garden State Parkway from milepost 30 to 80. This widening project includes an additional lane in each direction, the replacement of all bridges, culverts and the creation of a wetlands mitigation area. This is an application for a CAFRA Individual Permit, Waterfront Development Permit, Stream Encroachment Permit, Coastal Wetlands Permit and Freshwater Wetlands Individual Permit. The permit or approval will either establish the boundary of freshwater wetlands on the above property or will authorize regulated activities on the properties located on the attached map.

The following approval(s) is (are) being applied for:

- Letter of Interpretation (establishes the official boundary line of any regulated freshwater wetland, open water or transition areas on the property and if freshwater wetlands are present, identifies their resource value).
- General Permit Authorization (authorizes regulated activities, such as construction or development in wetlands and adjacent transition areas).
- Individual Transition Area Waiver (authorizes regulated activities such as construction or development in areas adjacent to wetlands).
- XX** Individual Freshwater Wetlands Permit (authorizes regulated activities such as construction or development in both wetlands and transition areas).
- Open Water Fill Permit (authorizes regulated activities such as construction or development in open waters).
- XX** Stream Encroachment Permit (authorizes regulated activities such as construction or development in floodplains).
- XX** Coastal Permits (CAFRA IP, Waterfront Development and Coastal Wetlands) for all work located within tidal waterbodies and within 500-feet of the Mean High Waterline. In addition, all work located within the CAFRA Boundary line.



The activities for which the application requests NJDEP Approval:

No regulated activities, just establishing where regulated wetlands (if any) are found on the property.

Cutting or clearing of trees and or other vegetation.

Placement of pavement or other impervious surface.

Placement of one or more buildings or other structures.

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Expansion of existing pavement, buildings or other structures.

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Other (describe): Bridge/Culvert Replacements

If you would like to inspect a copy of the application, it is on file at the Municipal Clerk's Offices, or you can call the NJDEP at (609) 777-0456 to make an appointment to see the application at the NJDEP offices in Trenton during normal business hours.

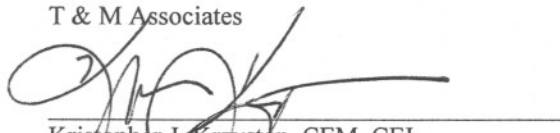
The rules governing freshwater wetlands permits and approvals are found in the NJDEP's Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act at N.J.A.C. 7:7A; the rules governing CAFRA, Waterfront Development Permits and Coastal General Permits can be found in the Coastal Zone Management Rules (N.J.A.C. 7:7E) and the Coastal Permit Program Rules at (N.J.A.C. 7:7); the rules governing Stream Encroachment Permits can be found in the Flood Hazard Control Act Rules (N.J.A.C. 7:13). You can view or download these rules on the NJDEP Land Use Regulation Program website at www.state.nj.us/dep/landuse or you can find a copy of these rules in the county law library in your county courthouse.

As a part of the NJDEP's review of the application, NJDEP personnel may visit the property and the portion of any neighboring property that lies within 150 feet of the property line to perform a site inspection. This site inspection will involve only a visual inspection and possibly minor soil borings using a 4" diameter hand auger. The inspection will not result in any damage to vegetation or to property improvements. The NJDEP welcomes any comments you may have on the application. If you wish to comment on the application, comments should be submitted to the NJDEP in writing within 15 days after you receive this letter. However, written comments will continue to be accepted until the NJDEP makes a decision on the application. Comments can not be accepted by telephone. Please submit any comments you may have in writing, along with a copy of this letter, to: NJDEP Land Use Regulation Program, P.O. Box 439, Trenton, NJ 08625, ATTN: Transportation Unit Section Chief.

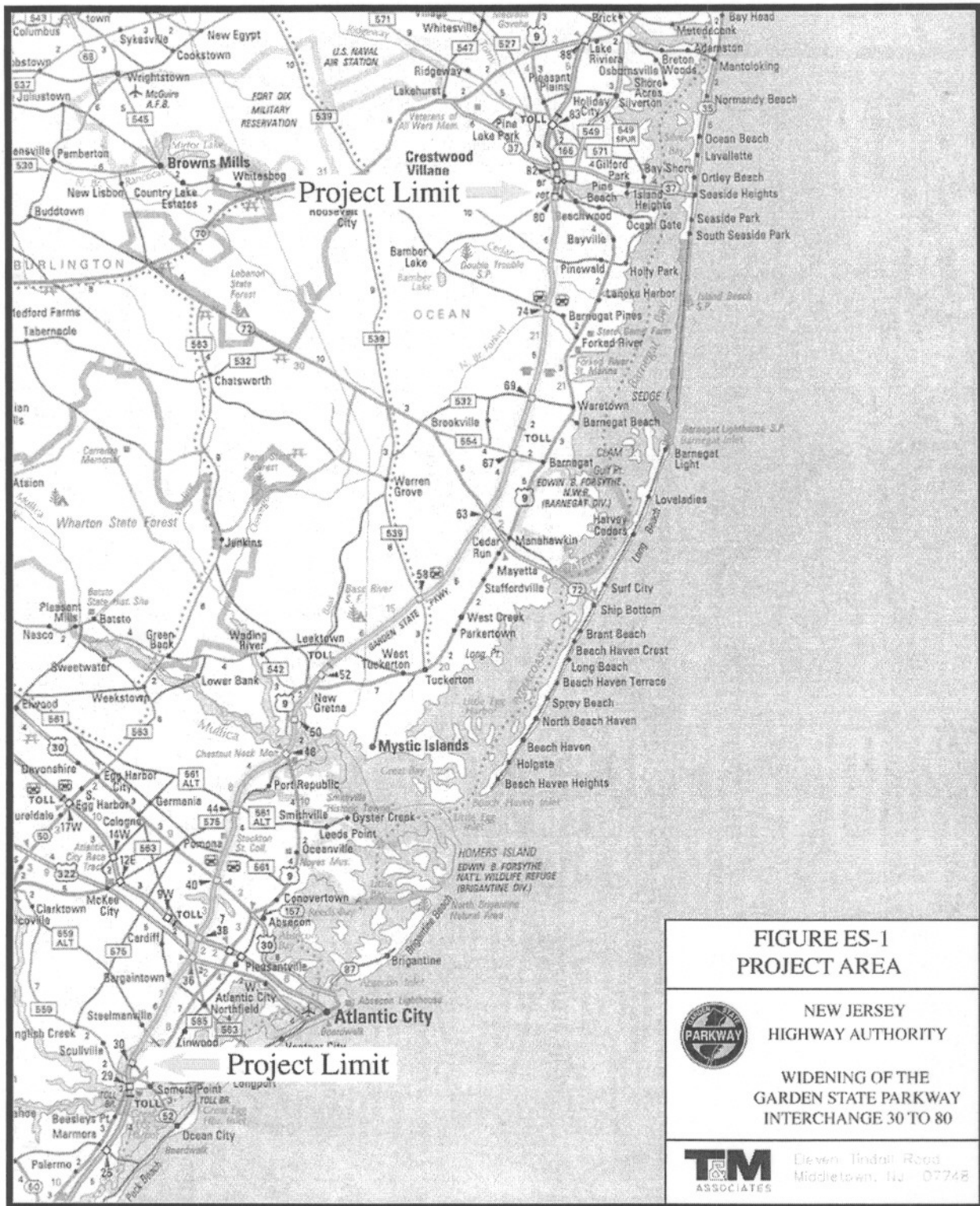
When the NJDEP has decided whether or not the application qualifies for approval under the Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act Rules, NJDEP will notify the Municipal Clerk of the final decision on the application. If you have any questions, you can contact me at 732- 671-6411.

Sincerely,

T & M Associates



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State of New Jersey
Department of Environmental Protection
Land Use Regulation Program Application Form (LURP #I)
Land Use Regulation Program
501 E. State Street P O Box 439
Trenton, NJ 08625-0439

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE THE FOLLOWING: (Complete all sections unless otherwise noted)

1. Applicant Name New Jersey Turnpike Authority

Address 581 Main Street Phone 732-750-5300

City Woodbridge State NJ Zip 07095

2. Agent Name Kristopher J. Krzyston, Assistant Division Manager Firm T & M Associates

Address Eleven Tindall Road Phone (732) 671-6400

City Middletown State NJ Zip 07748

3. Property Owner Name New Jersey Turnpike Authority

Address 581 Main Street City Woodbridge State NJ Zip 07095

4. Project Name Garden State Parkway Mainline Widening Location (Street Address) Milepost 30 to 80

Municipality See Page ES-2 in EIS County See Page ES-2 in EIS

Block(s) N/A NJHA ROW Lot(s) N/A NJHA ROW

N.A.D. 1983 State Plane Coordinates N(y) See Attached List feet E(x) See Attached List feet

Nearest Waterway See Table 3-2 in EIS Watershed See Table 3-2 in EIS

5. Total Fees \$98,750.00 Project Cost _____ Check Number _____

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Program Interest # _____ Class Code _____ Activity # _____

Type _____ Component Type _____ 20th Day _____ 90th _____

Proposed activity _____ Fees _____

Date Received / / PRO _____ Pts _____ Project Eng _____ Pts _____

Alternate PI _____ ASU _____ ASU Date / / /

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